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stated regarding the latter portion of the order that it was not part of their duties to persuade people. I believe the hon. the Minister will please say if local boards cannot be prevented from advising their subordinates."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Advising is different from passing orders."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" So, I take it the hon. the Minister has no objection to advising."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Not as taluk boards, but as individual members."

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government whether it is part of the duty of an elementary teacher of a taluk board to persuade pupils, both male and female to wear khaddar? The persuasion is with regard to the pupils and it is said to be the *duty* of the teachers to be compulsorily clad in khaddar according to the politicians in this particular taluk board. I am asking whether they can compel the teachers to do this, and I am asking the hon. the Chief Minister whether it is the duty of an elementary teacher of a taluk board school which receives a grant from the Government? Therefore Government have a hand in the matter of asking the teacher to persuade the pupils."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I have already replied that it is not part of their (teachers) duty."

The introduction of the District Municipalities Act (Amendment) Bill.

* 62 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when he expects to be in a position to introduce the District Municipalities Act (Amendment) Bill;

(b) whether he is considering the question of empowering by statute district municipalities to prohibit the slaughter of useful cattle within their areas; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—(a) The Bill will be introduced as soon as certain necessary alterations have been made.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answer given to his supplementary question on question No. 647 answered at the meeting of the Legislative Council, dated 19th March 1924.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the answer to clause (c)—the hon. the Minister will correct me if I am wrong—my recollection is that Government said that they were considering the question in the light of opinions on this matter. I should like to know whether they have not yet received these opinions and whether they are considering this question of empowering the district municipalities."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Opinion is still coming in."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" When will they end coming?" (Laughter).